

REMARKS

Claims 21-40 are pending in the application. Claims 1-20 are cancelled, and claims 21-40 are newly added. Reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the pending application in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miloslavsky (U.S. Patent No. 5,905,792) in view of Coan et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,120,424). Applicants have cancelled claims 1-20, merely to advance prosecution of the present application to issue. Thus, the cancellation of these claims should not be taken as an acquiescence to the propriety of the rejection.

Applicants have added new claims 21-40 for the Examiner's consideration, of which claims 21, 26, 31 and 36 are independent.

Claim 21 recites a method of providing a user with personal caller identification information which includes: receiving, by a personal caller identification server, a calling party number in response to a telephone call; querying, by the personal caller identification server, a network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number; querying, by the personal caller identification server, a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number; and forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

Claim 26 recites a personal caller identification server for providing a user with personal caller identification information. The personal caller identification server: receives a calling

party number in response to a telephone call; queries a network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number; queries a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number; and forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

Claim 31 recites a computer readable medium that stores a computer program for providing a user with personal caller identification information, and includes: code for receiving a calling party number in response to a telephone call; code for querying a network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the calling party number; code for querying a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number; and code for forwarding the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

Claim 36 recites a telecommunication system that provides a user with personal caller identification information, and includes: a network caller identification database that stores network caller identification information; a central, network-based personal address book which is distinct from the network caller identification database, and which stores personal caller identification information; and a personal caller identification server that receives a calling party number in response to a telephone call, queries the network caller identification database, using the calling party number, to retrieve network caller identification information associated with the

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calling party number, queries the personal address book, using the calling party number, to retrieve personal caller identification information associated with the calling party number, and forwards the network caller identification information and the personal caller identification information to a destination associated with the telephone call.

Miloslavsky discloses a telephone call-routing system which includes call centers 121 and 122. Applicants respectfully submit that Miloslavsky's call-routing system does not include a personal caller identification server which queries a network caller identification database to retrieve network caller identification information, and queries a central, network-based personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information. Applicants further submit that Miloslavsky does not suggest a computer readable medium that stores a computer program which includes code for querying a network caller identification database to retrieve network caller identification information, and code for querying a central, network-based personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information.

Miloslavsky discloses that each of the call centers 121 and 122 include a central switch 123, 124. See Fig. 1 and col. 4, lines 21-30 of Miloslavsky. Miloslavsky discloses that, when a call arrives at a call center, a telephone number of a calling line is typically made available to a receiving switch at the call center by a telephone carrier, as caller-ID information. See col. 2, lines 50-55 of Miloslavsky. A processor 223, 224 is provided at each call center 121, 122, and is connected to the central switch 123, 124. See Fig. 1 and col. 4, lines 31-45 of Miloslavsky.

Miloslavsky also discloses that a data server 303 containing a customer database may be connected to a LAN 301 at each of the call centers. See, e.g., Fig. 1 and col. 4, line 66 to col. 5, line 8 of Miloslavsky. Control routines executable on the processors 223, 224 provide call

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routing at the call center level, and may access data from the data server 303. See col. 5, lines 18-23.

Applicants respectfully submit that Miloslavsky's processors 223, 224 do not query a network caller identification database to retrieve network caller identification information. Rather, Miloslavsky discloses that caller-ID information is provided to the central switches 123, 124 by a telephone carrier when a call arrives at the call centers 121, 122. See, e.g., col. 2, lines 50-60.

Applicants submit that Coan et al. also fails to disclose or suggest a personal caller identification server which queries a network caller identification database to retrieve network caller identification information, and queries a central, network-based personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information, or a computer readable medium that stores a computer program which includes code for querying a network caller identification database to retrieve network caller identification information, and code for querying a central, network-based personal address book to retrieve personal caller identification information. Rather, Coan et al. is chiefly concerned with providing supplementary services to a user of a mobile communication device via an enhanced local services server on a network. See, e.g., col. 2, lines 13-39 of Coan et al.

For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the inventions recited in Applicants' claim 21-40 are not suggested by Miloslavsky and Coan et al., and request that the Examiner allow these claims.

Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

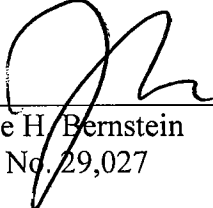
Entry and consideration of the present amendment, reconsideration of the outstanding Office Action, and allowance of the present application and all of the claims therein are respectfully requested and believed to be appropriate. Applicants have made a sincere effort to place the present invention in condition for allowance and believe that they have done so.

Any amendments to the claims which have been made in this amendment, and which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the prior art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

Should an extension of time be necessary to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extensions of time required to place the application in condition for allowance by an Examiner's Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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